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Applicant: Nishi et al.

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For: ACCOUNTING PROCESSING METHOD  
(amended herein to "METHOD OF CHARGE PROCESSING")

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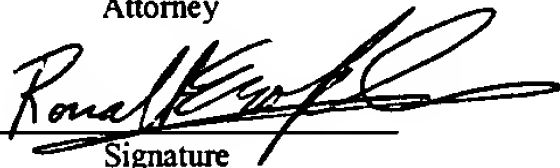
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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